

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

July 31, 2012

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday July 31, 2012. Present were Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Walker, Jackson, Sylvester, Burlingame and Blackburn. Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson, Jasparro and Richard were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard:

APPEAL #120073B: Ms. Kimberly Afonso, for the property located at 32 Dodge Street in Block Island. Chief of Plans Review Wade Palazini, Chief of Inspections Scott Caron and Deputy State Fire Marshal Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Applicant to increase occupancy in this facility. The motion passed over the objection of Commissioner Burlingame; Vice Chairperson Filippi abstained from the vote.

APPEAL #120081: Mr. Umberto Sorbo, for the property located at 165 Angell Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the

Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to deny the Applicant's request, and to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to present a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of the outstanding deficiencies within this facility. The Applicant is granted an additional 120 days to implement that plan of action; the Providence Fire Marshals' Office may extend the above timelines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120082: Mr. Pat Kilroy, for the property located at 345 Thames Street in Newport. ADSFM Chris Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for the cited protection of vertical openings. The motion passed over the opposition votes of Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame.

APPEAL #120066: Mr. James N. Tetrault, for the property located at 390 Joslin Road in Glendale. ADSFM Shane Mansolf appeared for the Glendale Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the cited door to swing against the direction of egress travel, and to grant the Applicant time to correct all other deficiencies in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090013: Whitmarsh Corporation, for the property located at 1055 North Main Street in Providence. DSFM Christopher Moore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Because the person who appeared on behalf of the corporation did not have written authority allowing him to represent the Whitmarsh Corporation, this case will be rescheduled.

APPEAL #100075: Spurwink RI, for the property located at 221 Cobble Hill Road, Lincoln. DSFM Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the cited headroom in its current configuration, based upon structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100015: NRI Community Services for the property located at 55 John Cummings Way, Woonsocket. DSFM Robert Couture appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of the decision to present a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of the outstanding deficiencies within this facility; the Applicant is granted a time variance of 120 days to implement that plan; the State Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend either or both of the above timelines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion passed. Commissioner

Blackburn did not vote.

APPEAL #090020: Margaret and Robert Bubis, for the property located at 123 Armistice Boulevard in Pawtucket. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant will return before the Board on September 11 with a plan of action for the correction of the outstanding deficiencies within this facility.

APPEAL #100013: Margaret and Robert Bubis, for the property located at 56 Maynard Street in Pawtucket. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant's request for variance on the issue of remoteness. The variance was granted.

Respectfully submitted

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